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HAT do your club members know about the needs of the county in which they live from an agricultural standpoint? Does he know what the county is producing too much of or not enough of? Does he know how much feed had to be shipped into the county last year to feed the county's livestock or how much feed was shipped out of the county last year to feed livestock in other counties? Does he know how the produce grown in his county compares in

quality with the produce grown in other sections of his State? What does he know about marketing practices? Where the county's output was sold and how much was received for it? What does he know about grading practices in the county as a whole?

Anne B. Moore, county club agent, Sussex County, Del., opens up an avenue for the above questions and many others in her November 4-H club letter which was sent to 80 club leaders and 700 club members. She says: "The month of November suggests Thanksgiving, and Thanksgiving makes us think of the innumerable crops, both good and bad, that have been harvested in Sussex County this past season. Would it not be interesting and worthwhile to know the amount of farm and truck crops that have been shipped from the county, their value, how they have been shipped, to what centers they have been consigned, how they are handled after reaching the centers? The Delmarva Association, with headquarters at Salisbury, Md., and W. T. Derrickson, in charge of Marketing, State Department of Agriculture, Dover, Del., should be able to give this information.

"The secretaries of the clubs should obtain the information, and the presidents of the clubs should arrange with different club members to discuss, or read papers, that they have written, on the various phases of marketing.

"There is a tremendous amount of inferior stuff being grown in the county, due to poor judgment in selecting crops unsuited to the soils on which they are grown, or in selecting varieties that are inferior in quality, ignorance regarding manures and commercial fertilizers, neglect in cultivating, dusting, spraying, etc., due to planting a larger acreage than can be cared for by the force at hand. In addition to producing poor stuff, the small grower, who sells locally, frequently makes his produce appear to poorer advantage by poor handling, and no grading.

"At the meeting preceding the one at which the talks or papers on marketing are to be given, could not the club leaders arrange to have demonstrations in grading and preparing white and sweet potatoes for the market. A basket of each kind of potatoes just as they were taken from the field should be brought to the meeting. A soft cloth should be provided, all particles of soil should be gently rubbed off, and the potatoes placed in two or three piles, according to size, and condition, as affected by disease or accident. In preparing for the meeting, each club member on whose farm either or both of these crops are grown, should be prepared to tell acreage planted; amount of fertilizer used; kind of fertilizer, obtaining the analysis, if possible; number of times the crop was cultivated; whether or not it has been sold; if so, whether graded, and price obtained."

A group of club members from Orange County, N. Y., went to New York City this summer and spent three days studying the markets there to get a better idea of how to prepare and ship produce to meet the market needs. Minnescta for two years has had a 4-H club livestock market practice school. This year boys from twenty counties were brought to South St. Paul to get first hand impressions and information about the live stock industry from the marketing end. These club members in years to come will know just what happens when they send their farm products to market and will be more nearly able to meet market needs by using the knowledge they have obtained. These trips, unfortunately, are necessarily limited to the few. However, much can be done in the county itself by some such method as Miss Moore is using, to show the club member the problems related to production and marketing and how these problems may be solved.

Thirteen members of a raspberry club in Elk County, Pa., made an average profit of \$43.66 each in 1929. Each member started in 1927 with 250 plants. Clarence Distler picked 600 quarts this year, making the highest yield and a net profit of \$140. The average yield was 238 quarts. Leo and Richard Dippold sold \$81 worth of plants.

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Broadcast

The 4-H clubs of Houston County, Minn., have begun their second year of broadcasting 4-H club programs over Station WKBH at LaCrosse, Wis. The programs are arranged by adult and junior local leaders. Club members furnish the entire program, which consists of talks, recitations, dialogues, plays, vocal and instrumental music numbers. The following program

sponsored by the Spring Grove Hustlers 4-H club under the direction of Ruth Kjome is a sample of what the Houston County 4-H clubs are serving to the patrons of the air:

Songs by quartette - Sylvia Glasrud, Juliet and Margaret Lee,

Harriet Kjome

Talk - Ruth Kjome, Houston County 4-H Club Pre-

sident

Harmonica Selection - William Fossum

Vocal Duet - Alfred Sylling, Oliver Onsgard

Report of trip to State Fair - Eleanor Roverud

Vocal Trio - Stella, Clara and Helen Solie

Saxaphone Solo - Oswald Kjome Songs - By the club

H. O. Anderson, County Agent, says: "The club members are enthusiastic over the opportunity to give programs over the air, judging from the willingness of organized clubs to get on the air and that the public enjoys these programs is quite evident. These programs serve a dual purpose in that they provide excellent training for the members of the club sponsoring the program and it brings the 4-H club gospel to many farms that are not reached by any other means." Mr. Anderson also reports that interest among club members in 4-H club orchestras, bands, quartettes and trios has increased greatly among the local clubs and that as time goes on some real talent is being uncovered.

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The management of the Cornell University Radio Station, WEAI, situated at Ithaca, N. Y., has announced that a 4-H feature program will be broadcast each Saturday noon at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Announcement of the features of the January National 4-H radio program will be sent later in a circular letter.

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WHEN CLUB MEMBERS MEET

C. W. Ferguson, State Club Agent, Colorado, writes that 314 club members and 67 leaders representing 33 counties in the State, were present at the annual Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Camp which was held the latter part of September on the Colorado State Fair Grounds at Pueblo. Forty-seven demonstration teams competed in the team demonstration contest with 14 counties being represented by livestock judging teams in the 4-H club livestock judging contest. There were 4-H exhibits of beef cattle, dairy cattle, pigs, sheep, chickens, rabbits, foods, and clothing. Regularly organized tours of large packing houses, broom factory, steel works and department stores were taken by the club members. In the evening there were parties, movies, and song fests. "During the week, "says Mr. Ferguson, "the leaders had meetings and found them very beneficial for suggestions for future club camps."

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The State legislature in Connecticut made available a sum of \$4,000 for a State Club exhibit this year in the event there was no exhibit at the State Fair. In previous years, this amount has been used in connection with the State Fair but when it seemed that appropriations for the State Fair might be withheld this year, a State grant of \$4,000 was made for a 4-H club exhibit. The State 4-H Club exhibit was put on by the Middlesex County 4-H Fair Association. A. J. Brundage, State Club Leader, says that the exhibit worked out very successfully and that all of the departments were headed up by former club members under the leadership of Harold Kelsey, who has been in club work for the past fifteen years, having been a club member for ten years.

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Twenty counties were represented by 42 demonstration teams and 8 livestock judging teams at the 4-day Twelfth Annual State Club Contest at State College, New Mexico, this fall. Two Indian demonstration teams from the Taos Pueblo were also in attendance. The mornings of the first three days were occupied by demonstrations in sewing, millinery, home furnishing, cooking, canning, baking, crops, poultry, livestock and farm engineering. The afternoons were devoted to recreation and entertainment. There were also exhibits in all classes. The last day of the contest was taken up by a tour of the principal industries of El Paso, and a short trip was made to Juarez to afford the club members an opportunity to view the major points of interest in that city.

WHEN CLUB MEMBERS MEET (Cont'd)

A. G. Kettunen, State Club Leader, Michigan, tells about two contests for 4-H club members at the Upper Peninsular State Fair this fall. He says: "Mr. Rood, Assistant State Club Leader, in charge of the 4-H club work in the Upper Peninsular of Michigan, conducted two unique contests, one for dairy calf club members and the other for home economics project members, at the upper Peninsular State Fair. Each county was allowed one entrant in these achievement contests. There were 9 counties represented in the dairy calf club achievement contest. Each entrant had to exhibit one of his animals, and had to display posters and pictures which graphically presented his experience from the time he first joined the calf club up to the present date. All of the signs were uniform and it made a very attractive as well as an educational exhibit. At the time of the judging each boy was requested to be present in person. Prof. Humphrey, of the University of Wisconsin, judged the exhibit. The eight winning boys were awarded a trip to the National Dairy Show. The girls Home Economics exhibit portrayed in the same manner the home economics project. There were 11 entrants in this contest and the eight best exhibitors were awarded a trip to Boys and Girls Club Week at the Michigan State College."

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At the annual fair of the 4-H clubs of McLean County, Ill., this summer, 150 different club members showed cattle, hogs, and sheep, the total number of livestock exhibits being over 350 head. In the home economics exhibits, there were 225 individual showings, with nearly 500 different articles being shown.

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Willard G. Patton, County Club Agent, Norfolk County, Mass., writes that The Weymouth Agricultural Clubs held their first annual exhibit in late September. There were no cash prizes and but two sets of ribbons to be won. In order to win one of these ribbons, the club member had to participate in several classes, as the ribbons were awarded on a basis of points. The classes were as follows:

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Plate exhibits	5	points	3	points	2	points
Collection of vegetables	10	points	7	points	5	points
Salad Collection	5	11	3	H	2	11
Flower Collection	5	11	3	11	2	11
Educational Exhibits	5		3	11	2	11
Judging Contests	10	ff	7	11	5	tt

Vegetable

Identification of seeds

Identification of vegetables

"This type of exhibit," says Mr. Patton, "could be conducted by any club or interested organization at little expense." A neat folder, giving the exhibits and contests in more detail than given above, and some prize cards, were prepared by the printing department of the Weymouth High School for use at this exhibit.

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WHEN CLUB MEMBERS MEET (Cont'd)

D. C. Bascom, county extension agent, writes in about the Larimer County, Colo., 4-H Club Camp which was held in the mountains about 50 miles from Fort Collins, in the State Forestry Lodge in Pingree Park. There were 80 boys and girls and 12 adults, which was the record attendance of the county. Assistance was given on the camp program by representatives from the State Forester's office and the U.S. Forest Service, who lead various hikes and talked to the boys and girls at the evening meetings. "4-H HIGH SPOTS," was the name of the camp newspaper.

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"One of the outstanding features of the 1929 Indiana State Fair was a club camp held on the Fair grounds for 4-H club boys who were exhibitors of livestock or crops exhibits or members of livestock judging teams. This camp was attended by 160 boys from all over the State. Some of the high spots on the program were a joint picnic with 100 girls, members of the State Fair Girls' School; visit to the Coliseum program; a downtown show; and a free visit to all the attractions on the midway. Two scholarships to Purdue University with an approximate value of \$325 and \$275, respectively, were awarded to Ralph Kintner, a four year poultry club member of Harrison County and Hilbert Fulford, five year livestock member of Knox County.

-- From a letter from W. R. Amick, Assistant State Club Leader, Indiana.

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FARM YOUNG PEOPLE OF WEST GIVEN NEW BUILDING

One of the features of Camp Plummer at the recent Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland, Oreg., was the presentation of Penny Hall to the farm boys and girls of the West. C. W. Warburton, Director of Extension Work, U. S. Department of Agriculture, attended the dedication of Penny Hall and in his address told the 500 Four-H club boys and girls and leaders in attendance that the hall could be considered as a splendid recognition of their work, and that the 700,000 boys and girls active in 4-H club work are "building a great preparation for the future." Penny Hall was dedicated to junior agricultural activities.

The building adjoins the Exposition Building. Besides a large auditorium, there is ample space for exhibits, and 8 committee, office, and rest rooms. In the auditorium is a specially designed stage with a background made of various western woods with different finishings. On one side is the 4-H emblem, a large 4-H clover leaf, and on the other side is the emblem of the Future Farmers of America.

The 4-H Club Leader's viewpoint

LOCATING NEW 4-H CLUB Here is a matter to which 4-H club leaders may SONGS AND MUSIC well direct some attention. The recent publication of the National 4-H Club Song Book should add impetus to the enterprise.

The production of new 4-H club songs and music by individual effort should be encouraged. "Dreaming", "The Plowing Song" and "A Song of Health" are illustrations of songs produced by this means. In Missouri, the Home Demonstration Agents' Association has for three years sponsored a 4-H club song writing contest. The official Missouri 4-H club song resulted from this excellent means of locating new songs and music.

Professional song writers contributed a new club song which appears in the National 4-H Club Song Book; a Club Hymn named, "The Country's Faith". The efforts of the best known poets and the best composers should be coordinated to the end that there may be produced new songs commensurate with the national scope and dignity of 4-H club work.

A national 4-H club march suitable for the use of a band or an orchestra is needed. What would it mean to have such a march written by John Phillip Sousa?

Is it not possible to obtain the interest of some individual or organization in financing a national song writing contest with the end in view that new and appropriate 4-H club songs and music be prepared.

THE RELATION OF LARGER EN-ROLLMENT TO EFFECTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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The successful completion of any piece of work is one measuring stick of accomplishment. Many 4-H club leaders measure effective accomplishment in club work in terms

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of completions. This procedure seems logical.

Sometimes the statement is made that more effective 4-H club work is done when the club enrollment is kept at a minimum. A second statement is also made that more effective work goes hand in hand with volume. A study of the club enrollments and completions, by states, for 1928 appears to point to the truth of the second statement.

Let us review some of the facts disclosed in this study. In the administration of extension work the United States is divided into

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four geographical sections, Eastern; Central, Southern and Western.

The state having the highest percentage of completions reported an enrollment above the average for its section. The state having the second highest percentage of completions had an enrollment above the average for the United States and also for its section. The state having the highest enrollment in the United States had a percentage of completions above the average for its section.

Eastern States

State with highest enrollment - above average % completions State with highest % completions - above average enrollment.

Central States

State with highest enrollment - above average % completions.

" 2nd highest enrollment - above average % completions

" lowest enrollment - below average % completions

" highest % completion - above average enrollment

" 2nd highest % completion - above average enrollment

" 3rd highest % completion - above average enrollment

" 4th highest % completion - above average enrollment

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" 1 owest % completion - below average enrollment

Five of the 7 states with enrollments above the average had completion above the average.

Southern States

State with highest enrollment - above average % completion

" lowest enrollment - below average % completion

" lowest % completions - below average enrollment

Western States

What conclusions may be drawn from these facts?

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One of the outstanding features of the 1929 Porter County (Ind.) Fair was the 4-H colt club exhibit. Eleven counties in Indiana had colt clubs this year, with 66 members and 72 colts.

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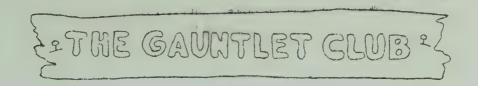
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ANSWER TO CHALLENGES

MORE COMPLETERS K. V. Battles, County Club Agent, Ashtabula
County, Ohio, writes: "Tripp County, S. Dak.,
and Wyoming County, N. Y., call attention in the Gauntlet Club
to the splendid records of clubs in their counties. The
Eveready Workers Club of Ashtabula County, Ohio, was organized
in 1925. Two members completed. In 1926, 18 of 20 members
completed. In 1927, all of the 35 members completed. Fifty
members enrolled in 1928 with another 100% completion. In 1929,
the club was divided on an age basis. The original Eveready
Workers Club completed 100% with 30 members, and 12 of the 14
members of the Wee Eveready Workers completed."



SOMERSET COUNTY AGAIN From G. C. Dunn, county agent, Somerset County, Maine: "About a year ago you mentioned that Somerset County finished 100% of its projects. Perhaps you would like to add further that this year we finished 100% again, making two successive years that this record has been made. The total number of projects was 277. There were 17 clubs in 11 different towns."



VERMONT'S BROWN FAMILY Connecticut has a Kingsbury family and Maine has a Smith family. Now comes Vermont with a Brown family of club workers. This is the Howard C. Brown family of Chittenden County. There are 9 children in the family. The father is a club leader. Buddy and Dan won first prize at the Champlain Valley Fair this fall on their demonstration. Molly and Catherine took the responsibility of canning the family's food supply of fruits, vegetables, chicken, and soup for the winter, and they do a good deal of cooking, as they belong to a 4-H cooking club. Martha won a blue ribbon at the fair on her potato project. She also belongs to a clothing club and is learning to sew. Patricia is just finishing her first year in club work, where she has been carrying on the clothing project. "This is a regular 4-H club family," says E. L. Ingalls, State Club Leader, "furnishing, as it does, a leader and six club members who are carrying on nine projects."

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ENROLLMENT FIGURES

There are 5,702 club members in Colorado. Weld County leads in total 4-H club membership with an enrollment of 597. There are clubs in farm management, clothing, meal preparation, breadmaking, canning, for growing rabbits, poultry, pigs, sheep, dairy calves, beef calves, sugar beets, lettuce, beans, corn, potatoes, for gardening and forestry.

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G. L. Herrington, Boys' Club Leader, sends word that there are 29,010 boys and girls in Tennessee this year, this being an increase of 4,502 or $18\frac{1}{2}$ per cent over the 1928 figure. Madison, Shelby, Knox, Hamilton, and Lawrence counties have more than 1000 members each. Henderson County, with 715 members, has the greatest enrollment of the counties with only one agent. Seventy-one county agents supervise 16,177 club members or an average of 228 members per agent. Forty-one home agents supervise 12,952 members or an average of 313.

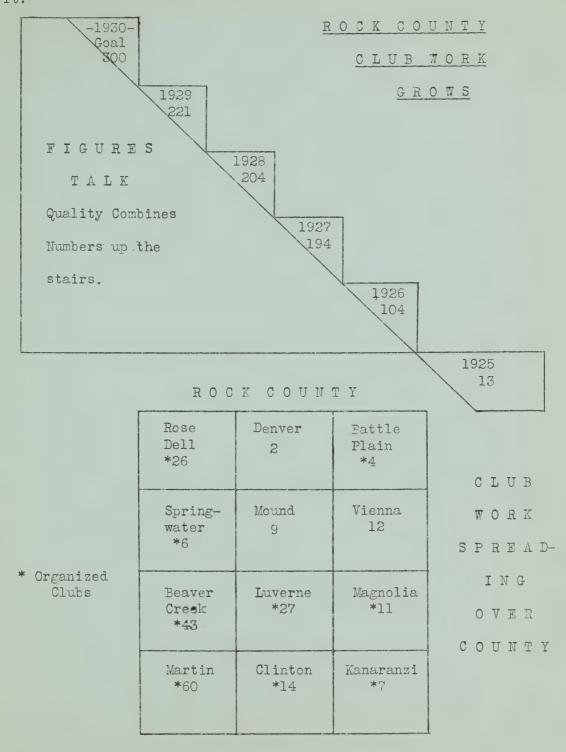
Iowa 4-H Club Girls Measuring Stick.

A typical 4-H club girl is able to do the following things easily:

- 1. Preside at a business meeting.
- 2. Serve as secretary.
- 3. Serve as chairman of a committee.
- 4. Give an individual demonstration at local club.
- 5. Give a team demonstration in public.
- 6. Exhibit something done by own hands at a public exhibit.
- 7. Aid at least one other girl in club activities.
- 3. Definitely help the local leader with some problem.
- 9. Help some one else appreciate good music.
- 10. Live up to at least three health rules.
- 11. Score in a health contest. (Local or county.)
- 12. Introduce a speaker in an appreciative and informative manner.
- 13. Act as a gracious hostess to her club.
- 14. Abide by decisions in a sportsmanlike manner, refusing to stoop to local bickerings.

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County Agent C. G. Gaylord used a page of the September ROCK COUNTY (Minn.) 4-H LEADER to tell club members things which he thought they ought to know about club work in Rock County. This is how he did it:





MORE COUNTIES SAY IT WITH NEWS SHEETS

VALLEY COUNTY 4-H CLUB NEWS is the latest comer from Montana to the CLUB LEADER exchange desk. It is mimeographed and has been published monthly since June.

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KIMBALL KOUNTY KLUBBER carries 4-H news to boys and girls in Kimball County, Nebraska each month.

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The Cheer Leaders Issue of THE VOLUSIA CLUB GIRL, the paper which is issued quarterly in the interest of girls' club work in Volusia County, Florida, has been published. This edition was issued by the Seville Club.

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OAKLAND COUNTY (Mich.) 4-H CLUB LEADER, a monthly publication of the girls' clubs, went forward to the members for the first time in September. It was a 6-page edition and there is news of a general nature and a paragraph giving the latest about each of the 27 clothing clubs in the county. The publication is edited by Elizabeth Weld, home demonstration agent.

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SQUEALS made its first appearance in August as the monthly 4-page news sheet for 4-H club folks in Redwood County, Minn. The heading is printed in two colors, the news itself being mimeographed.

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Martin County has also joined the ranks of Minnesota counties putting out a monthly 4-H mimeographed news sheet.

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THE CLOVER LEAF is the name of the magazine published by the Walton County, Florida, 4-H club council of junior home demonstration clubs in the interest of club work in Walton County.

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CLUB NEWS NOTES carries items of interest to 4-H members in Rosebud County, Montana.

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AMONG OURSELVES

HOW MUCH RESPONSIBILITY?

Paul P. Ives, county club agent, New Haven County, Conn., has this to say about the front page of the October CLUB LEADER: "How much responsibility should club members be allowed? Why, bless your heart, give them all they'll shoulder. Better to give them a little too much now and then than to err by giving them a 'kid's' job.

"I am referring now, of course, to the older club members and those who have 'graduated' on account of age limitations.

"In New Haven County we believe that this sense of responsibility is one of the fundamentals of character building that 4-H work inculcates and we give them all the responsibility we conscientiously can.

"The 4-H departments of two New Haven County fairs were "manned" by 4-H club members. Superintendents and assistants of the various departments were members of 4-H clubs who had had previous experience in exhibiting at these and other fairs.

"The judges at both Woodbridge and Beacon Valley, the fairs referred to, were ex-4-H club members who had achieved distinction in 4-H judging work.

"At Woodbridge, Harvey Vaill, formerly a 4-H club member and now Herdsman at Fairlea Farms in Orange, placed the ribbons on both 4-H and senior cattle capably and satisfactorily and Harold Macdonald, a former club member, judged the chickens without a 'kick' from any texhibitor.

"At Beacon Valley, Nelson Tucker, of Cheshire, who was one third of the first State Champion dairy judging team to represent Connecticut at a National Dairy Show judged the dairy cattle and Charley Reither, high man on the State poultry judging team at Madison Square Garden in 1927, now manager of the Poultry Department of the Kingsbury Jersey Farm, judged the poultry with confidence and precision.

"The keynote of the 4-H gospel is 'learn by doing' and the practice youngsters have been getting fits them for responsibility."

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It's hard to keep up with the comings and goings of folks here in the office. R. G. Foster is on a trip to Pennsylvania and Maryland to discuss plans of work.

Gertrude L. Warren went to Louisiana to speak at the State home economics meeting regarding work of the 4-H clubs in home economics. She

stopped in Mississippi to confer with State agents about club work before going to Chicago to attend the Boys and Girls Club Congress. From Chicago she will go to North Dakota to attend the Junior Achievement Institute.

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H. L. Shrader, poultry husbandry specialist, superintends the club poultry judging contest and club egg show at the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago. These two events are new features of the Boys and Girls Club Congress.

R. A. Turner, after attending the Congress in Chicago, will go to North Dakota where he will take part in the conference of local leaders attending the 20th anniversary of their Junior Achievement Institute.

I. W. Hill has been having conferences with State officials and agents in several North Carolina counties. After a short visit to Shenandoah County, Va., he went to the Club Congress at Chicago and then goes to Mississippi.

Madge J. Reese attended the Western States Regional Extension Conference at State College, N. Mex., November 4-8 and on her return stopped in Chicago for the Land-Grant College meeting. The western conference had representatives from the 11 Western States, Hawaii, and Texas. The subjects under discussion were range livestock problems and human nutrition plans. The nutrition committee, on which our nutrition specialist, Miriam Birdseye, and Miss Reese served, considered the place of 4-H club work in the nutrition program and suggested the following: (1) Strengthen the nutrition program by a larger enrollment in 4-H food and nutrition clubs; (2) correlate garden and canning club activities wherever practicable; (3) incorporate as rapidly as feasible fundamental health and growth work into all 4-H club projects; (4) it was recommended that the standing nutrition committee of the Western States Extension Conference work out a suggestive 4 years! program in foods and nutrition club projects including the consideration of suitable project units for older girls. This committee is to report not later than the next Western States conference.

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CALENDAR

Twentieth Anniversary, Junior Achievement Institute, Fargo, N. Dak., December 9-13

Annual Tri-State Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Roundup (Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado), National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colo., January 18-25, 1930.

As the CLUB LEADER goes to press, 4-H club folks from all parts of the country are gathering in Chicago for the Eighth Annual 4-H Club Congress sponsored by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work. The CLUB LEADER wishes them a joyous and informing session.

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